

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims objected to (numbers 3, 4, 7, 8, 12, 14 and 17-19) in this application, and applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9-10, 13, 15 and 28-30. Claims 20-27 remain withdrawn from consideration.

Applicant has earnestly attended to reviewing and revising the claims, which were objected to, in the following respects:

1) Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14 and 17-19 were objected to because they use the symbol “ as opposed to the word “inches”. These claims, namely claims 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 14 and 17-19 are submitted to be allowable, as amended without using the symbol.

2) Claims 3, 4, 11, 12, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. With respect to claims 6, 4, 11 and 12, it was asserted that the phrases “for example” and “such as” render the claim indefinite. In response, the claims have been reviewed and have been amended, where appropriate, to cancel the phrases noted by the examiner as well as several additional occurrences of possibly indefinite claim language. It is believed that these claims, are amended, comply with 35 USC 112, second paragraph and that they particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant renders as the .

3) With reference to claims 16 and 17, the rejection was to the reference in the claims to API specifications. These claims have been amended to refer to “predetermined standards for disparity in thread heights” in claim 16, and “compatible with interconnectability and performance standards” in claim 17.

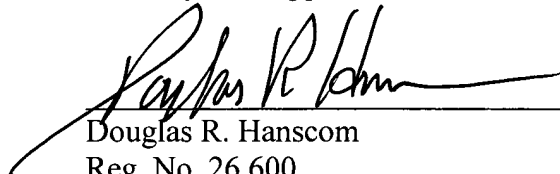
Comparable changes deleting reference to API standards were previously found acceptable, as for example in the allowance of claim 28.

Accordingly, claims 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 14 and 17-19 are resubmitted as amended without the insertion of new matter. Claims 20-27 are withdrawn from consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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